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Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) will convene the 60th SAW Stock Assessment Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing stock assessments of scup and the bluefish. The Northeast Regional SAW is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore US waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by SAW working groups and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts called the Stock Assessment Review Committee, or SARC. The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Stock Assessment Review Committee Meeting will be held from June 2 through June 5, 2015. The meeting will commence on June 2, 2015 at 10 a.m.

Eastern Daylight Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the S.H. Clark Conference Room in the Aquarium Building of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the NEFSC website at <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/>. For additional information about the SARC meeting and the stock assessment review of scup and bluefish, please visit the NMFS/NEFSC SAW website at: <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/saw/>.

DAILY MEETING AGENDA - SAW/SARC 60 Benchmark Stock Assessments for Scup and Bluefish

Tuesday, June 2

10—10:30 A.M.	Welcome	James Weinberg, SAW Chair
	Introductions	Cynthia Jones, SARC Chair
10:30 A.M.— 3:30 P.M.	Scup Assessment Presentation	Mark Terceiro
3:45—5:45 P.M.	Scup SARC Discussion	Cynthia Jones

5:45—6 P.M. Public Comments

Wednesday, June 3

8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Bluefish Assessment Presentation	Tony Wood
1:30—3:30 P.M.	Bluefish SARC Discussion	Cynthia Jones
3:30—3:45 P.M.	Public Comments	
4-6 P.M.	Revisit Scup Discussion	Cynthia Jones

Thursday, June 4

8:30—10:30 A.M.	Revisit Bluefish Discussion	Cynthia Jones
10:45 A.M.— 12:15 P.M.	Review/Edit Scup Assessment Summary Report	Cynthia Jones
3—6 P.M.	Review/Edit Bluefish Assessment Summary Report	Cynthia Jones

Friday, June 5

9 A.M. – 5 P.M.	SARC Report Writing	Team
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Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Sheena Steiner at the NEFSC, 508-495-2177, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 29, 2015.

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